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BE SURE YOU ARE RIGHT AND THEN GO AHEAD.—Davy Crockett.

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TO "KITTY" OF WILLOWBROOK.

Why sleep thy magic pen,
Thou unknown, silent one?
Will it never wake again?
And is its mission done?

Or will it in this gloomy hour
Awake, in undiminished power.

A spirit gone as thine,
Should never silent be;

Thou never hast penned a line
That any should not see;

But then, in gentle, loving mood,
How taught us to be kind and good.

Or I break thy silent sleep,
And rise—for truth and right.

Come! Do not longer keep
Concealed, thy talents bright.

For a high purpose they were given
Then KITTY wake once more, for heaven.

LATERE

DON'T LEAVE THE FARM.

Come, boys, I have something to tell you,
That you may know it low,
You are thinking of leaving the homestead,
Don't be in a hurry to go!

The city has many attractions,

But think of the vices and sins,

When once in the vortex of festoon,
How soon the course downward begins.

The great busy West has influences,

And so does the busier mart,

But wealth is gold without doubt,

But if there is gold on the farm, boys,

If only you'll shovel it out

The mercantile trade is a hazard,

The goods are high and then low;

Better risk the old farm a while longer,

Don't be in a hurry to go.

The great family West has influences,

And so does the busier mart,

But wealth is gold without doubt,

But if there is gold on the farm, boys,

If only you'll shovel it out

The bankers and brokers are wealthy,

They take in their thousands or so—

Abt think of the frauds and deceptions,

Don't be in a hurry to go.

The farm is the safest and surest,

The ordinances are loaded to day,

You are as free as the air of the mountain,

And monarch of all you survey,

Better stay on the farm a while longer,

Though profits come in rather slow,

Remember you're nothing to risk, boys,

Don't be in a hurry to go!

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TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1868.

National Republican Ticket

FOR PRESIDENT

GEN. U. S. GRANT,

OF ILLINOIS.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

HON. SCHUYLER COLFAX,

OF INDIANA.

The National Union Republican Platform.

The National Republican party of the United States assembled in National Convention, in the city of Chicago, on the 20th day of May, 1868, make the following declaration of principles, which we endorse, and beg leave to add that a better, more liberal platform has not been before the people for many years. A party with such principles, and marshaled under the leadership of such men as Grant and Colfax, is invincible:

I. We congratulate the country on the assured success of the Reconstruction policy of Congress, as evinced by the adoption, in the majority of the States lately in rebellion, of Constitutions securing Equal Civil and Political Rights to all, and it is the duty of the Government to sustain those institutions and to prevent the people of such States from being repudiated to a state of anarchy.

II. The guarantee by Congress of Equal Suffrage to all loyal men at the South was demanded by every consideration of public safety, of gratitude, and of justice, and must be maintained; while the question of Suffrage in all the loyal States properly belongs to the people of those States.

III. We denounce all forms of Repudiation as a national crime; and the national honor requires that payment of the public indebtedness, both internal and external, not only according to the letter but the spirit of the law under which it was constructed.

IV. It is due to the labor of the Nation that taxation should be equalized, and reduced as rapidly as the national faith will permit.

V. The National Debt, contracted, as it has been, for the preservation of the Union for all time to come, should be extended over a fair period for redemption; and it is the duty of Congress to reduce the rate of interest thereon, whenever it can be honorably done.

VI. That the best policy to diminish our burden of debt is to so improve our credit as to enable us to loan us money at lower rates of interest than we now pay, and moreover to pay so long as repudiation, partial or total, open or covert, is threatened or suspected.

VII. The Government of the United States should be administered with the strictest economy; and the corruptions which have been so shamefully nursed and fostered by Andrew Johnson call loudly for radical reform.

VIII. We profoundly deplore the untimely and tragic death of Abraham Lincoln, and regret the accession to the Presidency of Andrew Johnson, who has treated treacherously to the people who elected him, and to the cause he was pledged to support; who has usurped high legislative and judicial functions; who has refused to execute the laws; who has used his high office to induce other officers to ignore and violate the laws; who has employed his executive powers, to render insecure the property, the peace, liberty and life of the citizen; who has abused the pardoning power; who has denounced the National Legislature as unconstitutional, and has resisted its authority, and resisted, by every means in his power, every proper attempt at the reconstruction of the States lately in rebellion; who has perverted the public patronage into an engine of wholesale corruption; and who has been justly impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors, and properly pronounced guilty thereof by the vote of thirty-five Senators.

X. The doctrine of Great Britain and other European powers that, because a man is once a subject he is always so, must be resisted at every hazard by the United States, as a relic of feudal times, not authorized by the laws of nations, and at war with our national honor and independence. Naturalized citizens are entitled to protection in all their rights of citizenship, as though they were native-born; and no citizen of the United States, who has not been tried, must be liable to arrest and imprisonment by any foreign power for acts done or words spoken in this country; and, if so arrested and imprisoned, it is the duty of the Government to intercede in his behalf.

XI. Foreign immigration, which in the past has added so much to the wealth, development and resources and increase of power to the republic, the asylum of the oppressed, and all who could not find and encouraged by a liberal and just policy.

XII. This Convention declares itself in sympathy with all oppressed people struggling for their rights.

Gen. Grant's Letter of Acceptance.

The following is the letter of General Grant accepting the nomination for President of the United States, tendered him so unanimously by the Chicago Convention.

It will be seen that the General endorses the resolutions, and says: "If elected to the office of President of the United States, it will be my endeavor to administer all the laws in good faith, with economy, and with a view of giving peace, quiet and protection everywhere." Further, in regard to the will of the peo-

ple, he says: "The views of the public on old issues are constantly changing, and a purely administrative officer should always be left free to execute the will of the people. I have always respected that will, and always shall."

We regard this as strong language. It foreshadows the policy of General Grant if elected President. There will be no "giving back" on the Republican party by this man. The will of the nation will be respected, peace and quiet restored to the whole country, and liberty, and justice, union and equality before the law to all men "without regard to race or color or previous condition," will be guaranteed to every man throughout the length and breadth of this great and glorious republic.

The following is General Grant's letter:

WASHINGTON, May 29, 1868.
Gen. Joseph R. Hawley, President National Union Republican Convention:

In formally accepting the nomination of the National Union Republican Convention, of the 21st of May, inst., we seem proper that some statement of views, beyond the mere acceptance of the nomination, should be expressed.

The proceedings of the Convention were marked with wisdom, moderation and patriotism, and I believe express the feelings of the great mass of those who sustained the country through its recent trials. I endorse their resolutions. If elected to the office of President of the United States, it will be my endeavor to administer all the laws in good faith, with economy and with a view of giving peace, quiet and protection everywhere.

At times like the present, it is impossible, or, at least, eminently improper, to lay down a policy to be adhered to, right or wrong, through an administration of four years.

New political issues, not foreseen, are constantly arising. The views of the public on old ones are constantly changing, and a purely administrative officer should always be left free to execute the will of the people. I have always respected that will, and always shall.

Peace, and universal prosperity, its source, with economy of administration, will lighten the burden of taxation, while it constantly reduces the national debt. Let us have peace!

With great respect,
Your obedient servant,
U. S. GRANT."

Memorial Day.

We notice, in accordance with the orders of the General of the Grand Army of the Republic, Gen. J. A. Logan, that the graves of the Union dead throughout the country were decorated. All honor to the brave dead, who fell in defense of their country; we have heard these assertions made on the stump and on the streets, and can't help thinking that they are mistaken. I know that they are mistaken in this County, if their candidates were a fair representation of their party and we honestly believe if their debts were paid they would fall much below the Republican party, throughout the State as to wealth—and as to their intelligence, they ought not to boast of it, for alas, that boasted talent ruined the country.

But to the figures, in the late election in this County, the Republican candidates owned 4 Town lots and 4808 acres of land, which was valued at \$28,961.— While the Conservative candidates owned only 3058 acres of land valued at \$11,785.

In the Convention, the delegate from this County, a Republican, owned 250 acres of land, valued at \$700. While the Conservative candidate who opposed him, owned not a single foot of land.

The would-be assassin of Prince Alfred has been promptly executed in Sydney. The strong arguments adduced by the defense to prove his insanity did not even secure a postponement of the execution. England is still too ready to sentence to death, and two quick in the execution of the penalty.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

The blood of the Royal family of England demands death in almost every instance. This poor fanatic, who attempted to kill one of England's princes, is hurriedly tried, condemned and executed in double quick time. It is said, we do not pretend to say how true, that insanity caused the attempt of assassination. Let that be as it may, there can be no good cause for such rapidity in taking the life of any man.

It is a notorious fact, that the Prince of Wales, has been for many years the very embodiment of wickedness and depravity. If tradition is true to any extent, there are many maidens in England, who, under disguise, have been deceived and ruined and thrown upon an unforgiving community, as objects of loathing, when at the same time the author of the crime is shielded, because he happens to wear the garb of one of the Royal family.—

Every State, North and South, had appointed soldiers among its delegates, and the former nominated General Grant will never be forgotten by delegates and spectators.

The irresponsible enthusiasm of the audience when these two men appeared indicated that the American people will always hold in grateful remembrance their brave defenders; Logan with his olive complexion, black hair, and sparkling eyes, and Schuyler with his dark hair, and his blue eyes, and his military bearing not alone of American Cavalry, but of the progressive idea.

Both of them leaders in the Democratic, and both having occupied high position in the Congress of the United States, they give to the Republican organization a fresh impetus by their ability as statesmen and their full appreciation of the issues of the day. Gen. Palmer, the Republican candidate for Governor of Illinois, and General Fairchild, the one-armed Governor of Wisconsin, belong to the same class; and when the first, in his remarkable speech, called upon his colleagues to nominate a candidate for Vice-President, whose doubtful opinions might invite the assassin's dagger against General Grant, he struck a key note which thrilled every patriotic heart. If every State could point to soldier delegates, so every State could point to delegates who had once been Democratic leaders. Thus Andrew J. Hamilton, of Texas; Thomas J. Mackey, of South Carolina—a distinguished member in the Confederate army; McRae of Alabama; Fife of Maryland; Holden, of North Carolina, had all served faithfully in the Democratic ranks, while Chandler, of New Hampshire; Tremain, of Massachusetts; Cudlere and Tremaine, of New York; Byrnes, of New Jersey, and Cass, of Pennsylvania, completed the parallel in the adhering States. The Irish element was largely represented in the Soldiers and Sailors' convention, which yesterday became a component part of the civil convention. It was a most gratifying to me to see these brave men, who had been so faithfully serving in the Democratic ranks, while Chandler, of New Hampshire, and Tremain, of Massachusetts, Cudlere and Tremaine, of New York, Byrnes, of New Jersey, and Cass, of Pennsylvania, completed the parallel in the adhering States. The Irish element was largely represented in the Soldiers and Sailors' convention, which yesterday became a component part of the civil convention. 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PRECINCTS.	For Constitution	Against Constitution	J. B. Carpenter, R.	M. O. Dickerson, C.
Rutherfordton,	290	114	291	105
Soggins	69	15	69	15
Whitesides	92	10	91	10
Cedar Creek	44	7	27	10
McLaurin	162	2	142	25
Logan's Store	129	2	120	69
Duncan's Creek	87	11	87	11
Harrill's	97	48	96	49
Weld's	51	26	47	25
High Shoals	61	52	58	58
Sulphur Springs	82	55	82	58
Leisters	30	23	30	23
	1350	457	1302	488

More Clubs.—We are indebted to the following persons for clubs of subscribers to the STAR since last week: Mr. E. D. BARKINS, Mooresboro, Cleveland co.; Mr. C. J. SPARKS, Shilo; ANDREW EATON, at this place; D. D. ALLEN, Poor House; JAMES HARRIS, Depriest's Store; Rev. Wm. Logue, Clumby Rock; other persons have subscribed by one's, two's and so on, on day we added 42 subscribers to our list.

We understand that other parties are forming clubs, to them we say, send on your list and you can add other names at any time at the same rates.

The Streets.—Our worthy Mayor has a number of hands at work on the streets, and is beginning to make them look more respectable than they have looked for some time. We hope that the tax payers will fork over to the Marshal their taxes, so that the Mayor may continue his force until our village may not be, as it has been, a retreat to the citizens of the place.

There are many improvements needed and we fear that the Treasury will be drained before they are all completed. But we think Mayor Justice is taking the right course, is doing well what he does, so that we may have at least a portion of the streets in good order.

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UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.—This Court is now in session in Raleigh; its Honor, Judge Geo. W. Brooks presiding.

We are informed that there are some six hundred cases on the docket.

The District Attorney, Mr. D. H. Seagreen, is in attendance, and the business of the Court is being hurried through, with considerable dispute.

It is with pride that we point to Judge Brooks as being the embodiment of an upright, impartial Judge free from partisanship—and desirous of doing Justice to all, and at the same time, administer the law in all its purity.

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The Judges cannot answer the numerous letters received from applicants until they meet to confer; but the Clerk takes the liberty of suggesting that all applicants should attend on the first day of the term.

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The following from the Memphis *Avalanche*, which the editor says found its way on his table very mysteriously, is good poetry, but sounds rather grave-jarish:

DEATH'S BRIGADE.

The wolf is in this desert;
And the Panther in the brake;
The fox is on his ramble;
And the owl is wide awake;
For now 'tis noon of darkness,
And the world is all asleep,
And some shall wake to glory,
And some shall wake to weep.
Ku-Klux.

A river black is running
To a blacker sea afar;

And by its banks is waving
A flag without a star;

There move the ghostly columns
Of the swift Brigades of Death,

And every villain sleeping
Is gasping now for breath.

Ku-Klux.

There's the lone owl hooted,
And thrice the panther cried,

And swifter through the darkness
The Daley Brigade shall ride,

No trumpet sounds its coming,

But noiseless in their vengeance—

They streak it everywhere.

Ku-Klux.

Fly, fly! ye dastard bands!
Who are blest I g all the land,
The Daley Brigade is marching
To the death of man and bound;

For think that from its vengeance—

You in the deepest dens may hide,

For through the darkest caverns—

The Daley Brigade will ride.

Ku-Klux.

The pale grey is hanging
From the boughs of the east,

And now shall tell the story

Of the roval and the foal,

The ghostly troop shall vanish

Like the light in constant cloud,

But where they ride shall gather

The coffin and the shroud.

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CLIPPINGS.

"Against fortune, oppose courage; agnus: passion, reason."

"Wise sayings often fall to the ground, but a kind word is never thrown away."

"Oh, for a thousand tongues," as an ardent remarker when inside a molasses-hoghead.

"A retired editor says his connection with the Press has thawed and resolved it, self into aden."

"What is the difference between a hill and a pillar? One's hard to get up, and the other's hard to get down."

"Patrick! do you know the rate of a driskard?" "Fate! Don't I stand on the most beautiful pair you have ever seen?"

"A correspondent writes to know where asters grow. We have seen them grow under a wagon."

"There is a Galic proverb: 'If the best man's faults were written on his forehead, it would make him pull his hat over his eyes.'"

"A credulous man said to a wag who had a wooden leg, 'How come you to have a wooden leg?' 'Why,' answered the wag, 'my father had one, and so had my grandfather. It runs in the blood.'

"A shoemaker, intending to absent a few days, lashed himself a shingle with the following, without date, and nailed it upon his door: 'Will be at home in ten days from the time you see this shingle.'

The following may be found upon a tombstone in Connecticut:

Here lies, cut down, like unripe fruit,
The wife of Deacon Amos Shute;
She died of drinking too much coffee,
Any Dominy eighteen forty."

"The editor of a western contemporary remarks that he is glad to receive marriage notices, but requests that they be sent soon after the ceremony and before the divorce is applied for. He has had several notices spoiled in this way."

"A foreigner, who had heard of the Yankee propensity for bragging, thought he would beat the natives at their own game. Seeing some watermelons on a market-woman's stand, he exclaimed: 'What! don't you raise larger apples than those in America?' The quick-witted woman replied: 'Apples! anybody might know you were a foreigner—then's your gooseberries!'

"John," inquired a master of a horse-pupil, "what is a nailer?" "A man who makes nails," said John. "Very good. What is a tailor?" "A man who makes tails," said his master. "Oh, you stupid fellow," said his master, biting his lip, "what makes tails?" "Yes, master," returned John, "if the tailor did not put tails to the coats he made, they would all be jackets."

"Only a flower to give." "Mother," asked little Phoebe Cary, "have you nothing I can carry to poor Aunt Molly?" Phoebe's mother was poor, and her closet was very scant that morning.

"I wish I had, Phoebe," said she. "Can you think of anything?"

"I've only a flower," said the little girl. "I'll take her a sweet pea."

Phoebe had a sweet pea which she planted under her window, and as it grew and flowered, both mother and daughter loved and enjoyed. Phoebe picked one and ran down to poor Aunt Molly's cottage. This was a poor old sick woman, who, for a whole year, had lain in her bed suffering with great pain.

In the afternoon a lady called to see Aunt Molly. She saw a sweet pea in a cracked tumor on a small stand by the poor woman's bed.

"That pretty posy a little girl brought me this morning, who said it was all she had to bring," said Aunt Molly, looking up with a grateful smile. "I am sure of it; and I look at it, and it makes me think what a wonderful God we have. If this little flower is not beneath His making and His care, He won't overlooks poor creature like me."

Tears came in the lady's eyes. And what did she think? She thought, "You've only a flower to give, that's it." It is worth a great deal to the poor, the aged and the sick to know that they are thought of.—*San Francisco Spectator.*

One of Brick Pomeroy's Best.

He Finds a Boston Sweetheart.

I found her in Boston. Betsy Jershu Jones—in three volumes illustrated. I thirsted for intellect; I hungered for beauty—I ached for charms. I required a gentle being with a mind like horse billiards to guide me through this vale of steers. I went to Boston to find my love; I found her. She was a school teacher, who drew seven dollars a month for spanking the rule of three into the vulgar fractions confided to her charge, and for adding accomplishments as were to the result of others' multiplication!

figuratively speaking. After school was disbanded for the day, we walked out to the beach. Birch by day and the beach by night. My love was beautiful. She was of the New England type. She was pure italician. Thus worshipped I her, the most beautiful girl in the sugar bowl.

And she made both ends meet by singing eels. She was a most exalted and triumphant eel skinner. The Massachusetts girls teach school and skin eels for market. Said I, "Betsy, if it's not a skin too much, let me go out with thee and aid in thy tolls, and see thee divest eel of cuticle." She had three hoop, at regular intervals. She was a Massachusetts schoolmarm. She was an old maid. She understood all of Daboll but the multiplication. She had never been on the multiply. Oh, no! and she could skin eels faster than the devil could catch a fidller.

By the beach we stood. She skinned eels for the net proceeds. We talked of love and such. She listened to my tale; she felt the moving of my pia—*the burning eloquence thereof*, so called. Said I:

"Oh, Betsy, scuin' it's even, I love you, I swoon! I would be thine. I would share thy cot, and—

Dream I sleep with thee love."

Would be mine? I am stranger, Betsy, I am not angel, but in the contrary, am agile as those eels. I will offer thee all I have. I would crawl out of myself, as those eels crawl out of their undershirt in the hand, and be thine onlyest."

She took up another eel. "She skinned her, she said: "Praise the Lord, but that is the first kiss every mortal man gave me."

I asked her if she liked it. She said it was better not spanking a young un, or skinning a big eel. She said she liked school teaching. It was better than a gymnasium. She said kissing was better than skinning eels. When a Massachusetts girl says that, one may, with the lams on the hill gamble that she liketh it with vehement malice.

The pale moon slid along over head just as easy! It seemed to skin itself from under the fleecy clouds, as those eels skinned themselves from the fingers of my Betsy Jershu. It set me to thinking she was something heavenly like the moon. Only she was a little plumper. It was a new moon. Neverthless, Betsy, a little slimmer. I conversed with Betsy. She had a little knife, like a shoe knife. I would have thought her a shoemaker if she had carried a collier's kitten and a wax end. But she didn't. She skinned eels, chawed spruce gun and talked love. Said she:

"What is your name?" Asked we, "the reverberating cognomen to which we respond?" Said she, "Brick Pomeroy."

Then she asked us of our Western home. She wanted to know what State Illinois was in, and if Wisconsin was in the first or second Ward of La Crosse. And she wanted to know if we had any young ones in the West. We told her not many yet. Then she wanted to know if the Mississippi River had eels in it. We told her, many. And she wanted to know if the people out that barbarous region wore clothes every day, or only when they went sparkling. And she wanted to know how far it was from where we lived to a house. And she wanted to know if they spanked or flogged us when we spanked or flogged them.

Then we caressed her and kissed her so sweetly. And she twined the eel skins in a garland, and wreathed them about our neck and she sat there in maiden meditation, entirely free, like a box of No. 11 boots. Then we said:

"Oh, Betsy, Jershu! Thou hast spoken with wisdom. I will converse with thee elastic mind. I am a barbarian. We are all barbarians in the West. I am an ignorant but well meaning welp. We are all ditto in the West. I wear bear skin in the West; we are all ditto in that country. We have no houses, but live intently without them as we're. We have no carriages for either male or female so-called. But I can love thee. I can hold to mine own. I will surround thee with all the luxuries we have in that land of darkness, for the sun never rises in the West!"

Said Betsy, as she playfully lunged the hide off another conqueror eel, "Due tell." I wanted information, and thus we dialogued:

"My Betsy Jershu, has much of parents?" "Yes, Brickel, I have two parents, and four anti-parents."

"What didn't they do?"

"My ma taught school and skinned eels, and my father was an eel catcher and a clever tongued politician."

"How many boys can you spank in a day?"

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"And eels? How many eels canst thou peel in a day? Tell me, thou educator of the world."

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"Well, now, that is a pretty right smart of a question! I guess I kin skin six a minute. I skin 'em and sling 'em over my shoulder into that tub, and kin keep one in the air all the time, and I ain't much of a skinned number."

"Does it hurt the eel?"

"Why, of course, it kills the eel! But that is his fault. If he'd had his skin on 'tother side out, 'twouldn't hurt 'em any! 'Twould have old of itself! It's our doctrine in New England to have things to our notions, even if the eels don't like it. You see, this is the hub—and the eels have no rights which we, the skinners, are bound to respect!" and into the air she playfully tossed another yard of subdued quivering agony!

Says we: "Do you skin 'em for flavor or profit?"

Betsy said it was for both. There was money in it, and it was fun to see them squirm for they had no business to be eels, and come to New England in the spring and fall for what they wanted. And thus Betsy taught me to love. Gentle, christianized Betsy!

And I kissed her. And I begged her to kiss me again. And I told her she should be happy. And then she should have eels to skin forever. That I'd have one made on purpose! Then she smiled and said she'd be mine, so if I'd agree to find her in eels to come once a year to see the big organ and rock her baby in the cradle of liberty; to let her kiss every nigger she saw; to let her spend half her time in peddling tracts and making flannel shirts for babies in Africa, and would do my best to extend the blessed gospel and likeness of Ben. Butler in the benighted region beyond the hub.

And I consented to all she wanted of me except the nigger. On that I was firm—

She was Betsy. She said, "Nigger or single blessedness?" She said they were pets. I told her I was a Democrat. Oh, gracious! She straighten' eel up till her cors is strapped like a pistol. I thought she had gone off! But she hadn't. She was there yet. She said as she scrunched an eel in her hand and waved her peeling machine over her head:

"You a Democrat? Marry a Democrat? Go way! Get out! Don't touch me! Oh, you great nasty Western man! Take your arm away from around my intellectual breast! Oh you great red whiskered, gray-headed sevige, unrefined, uncultivated old-timer, big nasty he man! How dare ya talk to me? I die first, and then I wouldn't!"

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AGRICULTURAL.

*"He that by his plow would thrive,
Himself must either hold or drive."*

HOW TO MAKE MILKERS.

It is a great thing to have good blood, but apart from this advantage, the course of raising a milk-herd is somewhat different from that of raising an animal for beef or for labor. The calf should be well fed and petted while young. Feeding helps to create a quiet disposition, so important in a dairy cow, and this education must begin when young. For a milker we should have the heifer come in at two years old, and if she has been well kept, so as to have attained a good size, she is then old enough to become a cow. She will give more milk for coming in early. It forms the habit of giving milk, and the habit you know is a sort of second nature. After the heifer has come in, let her be fed regularly. A little oatmeal induces a large flow. Indian meal is rather tattering. In bad weather, give